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City of Milwaukee Health Department Confirms First Case of Measles of 2011 Health Officials promote awareness, vaccinations

The City of Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) has identified a confirmed case of measles in a City of Milwaukee resident. The case is a pediatric patient currently hospitalized with a clinical presentation and syndrome highly compatible with measles. The last confirmed case of measles in Milwaukee occurred in 2008.

Measles is an extremely serious and highly contagious viral disease that is spread through airborne droplets person to person. At this time, the MHD strongly urges all Milwaukee-area health-care professionals to maintain a high index of suspicion for the appearance of additional measles cases in the coming weeks and report all suspect cases to local public health authorities.

Furthermore, as outbreaks of measles continue abroad, the importation of measles cases in travelers, refugees and immigrants continues to be an issue. Physicians should consider measles in persons with clinically compatible illness and a recent travel history.

Measles vaccine is highly effective in preventing disease. City residents who are uninsured or do not have medical provider can receive vaccinations at MHD health centers beginning Thursday September 8th at our Northwest Health Center located at 76th and W. Mill Road from 1-4PM. Residents can also get measles vaccinations at our regularly-scheduled weekly walk-in clinics: 8:00 am to 11:00 am at 3200 N. 36th Street, 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm at 7630 W. Mill Road, and 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm Mondays and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm Tuesdays at 1639 S. 23rd Street.

Symptoms of measles include:

- Fever
- Cough
- Runny nose
- Rash (descending from forehead to lower extremities)

The MHD has taken steps to respond to this case including:

- Enhancing surveillance for measles in Milwaukee County and surrounding region;
- Issuing reporting and testing guidance to private healthcare providers;
- Issuance of isolation and quarantine orders to symptomatic and exposed ;
- Providing vaccinations to underinsured or uninsured populations;

Additional information on measles can be accessed at the MHD website (www.milwaukee.gov/health) or by contacting your local public health agency. In the City of Milwaukee, call 414-286-3521 between the hours of 8-4:30 PM M-F.



Commissioner of Health Bevan K. Baker and Director of Disease Control and Environmental Health Paul Biedrzycki speak to reporters about Milwaukee's first confirmed measles case since 2008.